

Sample VSMP Authority Stormwater Management Facility Generic Maintenance Inspection Checklist

The form on the following page is a generic inspection checklist developed by the Center for Watershed Protection in collaboration with the Department. This form allows an inspector to quickly assess the performance of a stormwater management (SWM) facility by using simple visual indicators. It is recommended that these rapid investigations be conducted during every other routine SWM management facility inspection by a locality to verify BMP performance.

This basic form can be modified, simplified, or customized to meet the unique BMP terminology and design criteria employed in the locality.

FACILITY ID: _____		DATE: ____/____/____		ASSESSED BY: _____	
NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ PHOTO IDS: _____					HANDHELD/ GPS ID: _____
SECTION 1- BACKGROUND INFORMATION (GIS)					
BMP TYPE : <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Dry Detention Pond</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Dry Swale</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Wetland</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Extended Detention Pond</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Wet Swale</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Level Spreader</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Wet Pond</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Grass Channel</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> WQ Inlet</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Filter (specify: _____)</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Dry Well</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Device</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Infiltration (specify: _____)</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Permeable Pavement</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Check if structure is underground</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Bioretention</div> </div>				YEAR CONSTRUCTED: _____ OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
SITE CHARACTERIZATION					
DRAINAGE AREA: _____(acres) IMPERVIOUS COVER: _____(acres) Discerned from: <input type="checkbox"/> Plan <input type="checkbox"/> County Data <input type="checkbox"/> GIS <input type="checkbox"/> Field					
CONTRIBUTING DRAINAGE AREA (% land use): <i>Note – All percentages should sum up to 100%.</i> _____ Industrial _____ Commercial _____ Urban/Residential _____ Suburban/Res _____ Forested _____ Institutional _____ Golf course _____ Park _____ Crop _____ Pasture _____ Other: _____				WATER QUALITY VOL (FROM DESIGN PLAN): _____(ft ³)	
SECTION 2- FIELD VISIT					
Rain in last 48 hrs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Evidence of high water table (e.g., excessive soil saturation)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
DESIGN ELEMENTS					
FACILITY SIZE: Length: _____(ft) Width: _____(ft) Surface Area: _____(ft ²) Depth of WQ storage _____(ft)		OBSERVED WQ STORAGE VOL: _____(ft ³)		HYDRAULIC CONFIGURATION <input type="checkbox"/> On-line Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Off-line Facility	
				DESIGN STORM(S): <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Control <input type="checkbox"/> Channel Protection <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
BMP SIGNAGE: (check all that apply) <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 20%;"><input type="checkbox"/> None</div> <div style="width: 20%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Flood Warning</div> <div style="width: 20%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Education</div> <div style="width: 20%;"><input type="checkbox"/> No Trespassing</div> <div style="width: 20%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat</div> <div style="width: 20%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Public Property</div> <div style="width: 20%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Do Not Mow</div> <div style="width: 20%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</div> </div>					
OUTLET CHARACTERISTICS					
PRIMARY OUTLET STRUCTURE:		<input type="checkbox"/> N/A – infiltration w/ no outlet <input type="checkbox"/> Pipe <input type="checkbox"/> Riser <input type="checkbox"/> Weir <input type="checkbox"/> Large Storm Overflow <input type="checkbox"/> Open channel <input type="checkbox"/> Large Storm By-pass <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
OUTLET FEATURES:		<input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Trash Rack <input type="checkbox"/> Pond Drain <input type="checkbox"/> Inverted outlet pipe <input type="checkbox"/> Hooded outlet <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-vortex device <input type="checkbox"/> Perforated pipe <input type="checkbox"/> Gravel Diaphragm <input type="checkbox"/> Micropool outlet <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple outlet levels <i>Outlet includes restrictor?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
OUTLET STRUCTURE CONDITIONS:		Erosion at Outlet: <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Slight <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Outlet Clogging: <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Slight <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Structural Problems: <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Slight <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Severe			
CONDITIONS AT OUTFALL:		<input type="checkbox"/> Stream <input type="checkbox"/> Closed storm sewer <input type="checkbox"/> Surface channel <input type="checkbox"/> Road ditch <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
Active Erosion:		<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Slight <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Severe		Odor: <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Slight <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Severe	
Trash:		<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Slight <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Severe		Algae: <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Slight <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Severe	
Sedimentation:		<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Slight <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Severe		Other WQ Problems: <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Slight <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Severe	
Emergency Spillway Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Riser Overflow <input type="checkbox"/> Weir <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					

SOIL OR FILTER MEDIA			
TYPE OF FILTER/INFILTRATION MEDIA: (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Soil mix _____ (in) <input type="checkbox"/> Sand _____ (in) <input type="checkbox"/> Gravel _____ (in) <input type="checkbox"/> Large Stone _____ (in) <input type="checkbox"/> Organic material _____ (in) <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Avg. depth of sediment build-up on surface? _____ (in)			
SOIL MEDIA SAMPLE: <i>Note – Complete during site investigation, if applicable</i> Dominant Soil Type <input type="checkbox"/> Clay <input type="checkbox"/> Loam <input type="checkbox"/> Sand <input type="checkbox"/> Sand/Loam Is the soil homogenous? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Comments:
VEGETATION			
GENERAL OBSERVATIONS: <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaped <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Bench <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive Species <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Diversity		TYPE OF GROUND COVER (% of Surface Area in Plan View up to low Outlet): <i>Note – All percentages should sum up to 100 %.</i> _____ Trees _____ Grasses/Perennials _____ Ponded water _____ Other: _____ _____ Managed Turf _____ Bare Soil _____ Shrubs _____ N/A _____ Gravel/stone _____ Mulch _____ Emergent wetland	
Depth of mulch, if present: <input type="checkbox"/> Hardwood _____ (in) <input type="checkbox"/> Pine Straw _____ (in) <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (in) Rate degree of shading of BMP Surface Area by trees: <input type="checkbox"/> Well Shaded <input type="checkbox"/> Some Shading <input type="checkbox"/> No Shading <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
INLET CHARACTERISTICS			
INLET #1: Diameter/Width: _____ (in)		TYPE OF INLET: <input type="checkbox"/> Open Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Pipe <input type="checkbox"/> Sheet Flow <input type="checkbox"/> Curb Cut <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
INLET SUBMERSSION: <input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Partial <input type="checkbox"/> None		INLET CONDITIONS: Inlet Erosion <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Slight <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Inlet Clogging <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Slight <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Structural Problems <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Slight <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Severe	
INLET #2: Diameter/Width: _____ (in)		TYPE OF INLET: <input type="checkbox"/> Open Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Pipe <input type="checkbox"/> Sheet Flow <input type="checkbox"/> Curb Cut <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
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		Elevation difference between bottom of inlet and BMP surface: _____ (in) Comments:	
PRETREATMENT			
TYPE OF PRETREATMENT (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Grass Filter Strip <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Forebay (_____ ft ³) <input type="checkbox"/> Plunge Pool? <input type="checkbox"/> Grass Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Stone Diaphragm <input type="checkbox"/> Riprap Channel or Apron <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		PRETREATMENT FUNCTION <input type="checkbox"/> By design <input type="checkbox"/> Incidental Is pretreatment functioning? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is sediment removal necessary? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Signs of pretreatment bypass? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Signs of flow of sediment from pretreatment to BMP? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Severity: <input type="checkbox"/> Slight <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Severe	
GENERAL DESIGN			
BMP FEATURES (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Access <input type="checkbox"/> Underdrain <input type="checkbox"/> Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Out <input type="checkbox"/> Pond Drain <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-cell <input type="checkbox"/> Observation Well <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Micropool Is water present in observation well? <input type="checkbox"/> Impermeable Liner <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Depth: _____ ft			
CONVEYANCE THROUGH BMP <input type="checkbox"/> No Defined Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Low Flow Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Eroded <input type="checkbox"/> Earthen <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Length of Shortest Flow Path: _____ (ft)		Is BMP designed with a Permanent Pool? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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GENERAL PROBLEMS: (check all that apply) <table border="0" style="width:100%"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Needed</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Erosion at Embankments</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Pools not stable</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Water Bypass of Inlet</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Erosion within Facility</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate vegetation</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Water Bypass of Outlet</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Deposition within Facility</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Dead or Diseased Vegetation</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect Flow Paths</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate Ponding of Water</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Too many invasive plants</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Short-circuiting of treatment mechanism</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Clogged Pond Drain/Underdrain</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Trees on Embankment</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> No or ineffective treatment</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Clogged Media</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Failing structural components</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Ineffective pretreatment</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate media material</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Safety issue (Note: _____)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><input type="checkbox"/> Others _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate underlying soil (infiltration)</td> </tr> </table>										<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Needed	<input type="checkbox"/> Erosion at Embankments	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Pools not stable	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Bypass of Inlet	<input type="checkbox"/> Erosion within Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Bypass of Outlet	<input type="checkbox"/> Deposition within Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Dead or Diseased Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect Flow Paths	<input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate Ponding of Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Too many invasive plants	<input type="checkbox"/> Short-circuiting of treatment mechanism	<input type="checkbox"/> Clogged Pond Drain/Underdrain	<input type="checkbox"/> Trees on Embankment	<input type="checkbox"/> No or ineffective treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Clogged Media	<input type="checkbox"/> Failing structural components	<input type="checkbox"/> Ineffective pretreatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate media material	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety issue (Note: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Others _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate underlying soil (infiltration)		
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WATER QUALITY IN FACILITY: <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Algae <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Slight <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Odor <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Slight <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Turbidity <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Slight <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Color <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal: _____					EVIDENCE OF: <input type="checkbox"/> Geese <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Burrows <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquitoes <input type="checkbox"/> BMP Alteration																															
PROBLEM		1=NONE	2 - FEW	3 – SEVERAL	4-SEVERE																															
TRASH		No evidence of trash	A few pieces of trash throughout BMP	Trash accumulation near inlet/outlet	Lots of trash in BMP or BMP used for storage																															
BMP BANK EROSION		No noticeable erosion	Slight erosion < 5% of bank affected	Moderate erosion ~15% of bank affected	Banks severely eroded, >25% of bank affected																															
SEDIMENT DEPOSITION		No sediment deposition	Areas of minor sediment deposition	Areas of some deposition, may be severe near inlet/outlets	Lots of deposition resulting in pond bottom clogging																															
SURFACE SLOPE		0-1% BMP surface slope	1-3% BMP surface slope or steeper slopes with check dams,	3-5% BMP surface slope with no check dams,	>5% surface slope;																															
SIDE SLOPES		BMP side slopes 3:1 or flatter	BMP side slopes 2:1	Steep BMP side slopes	Risk of side slope failure																															
STRUCTURAL		No evidence of structural damage	Minor problems (e.g., bank slump, eroded channels)	Moderate structural problems –failure pending	Structural failures (e.g., bank failure, blowout)																															
VISIBILITY		High visibility, near high-traffic areas	Some visibility, near traffic areas	Limited visibility, near low traffic areas	No visibility, behind buildings or fences																															
ACCESSIBILITY		Maintained access area for vehicles	Access area designated, but not maintained	Access for vehicles not designated	Access for vehicles not possible																															
VEG COVER		No mowing in/around BMP	Mowing along BMP edges but areas of no mow in BMP bottom	Mowed turf vegetation	BMP bottom has large areas of bare soil																															
		Dense plant cover (>75%)	Plant cover, 50-75%	Some plant cover, 25-50%	Sparse vegetative cover (<25%),																															
VEG HEALTH	TREES	Healthy and established	Slightly stressed	Stressed	Dead																															
	GROUND COVER	Healthy and established	Slightly stressed	Stressed	Dead																															
	SHRUBS	Healthy and established	Slightly stressed	Stressed	Dead																															
	EMERGENT WETLAND	Healthy and established	Slightly stressed	Stressed	Dead																															
OVERALL PERFORMANCE SCORE (circle one number)																																				
Excellent design and function, no general problems with performance		BMP is well designed, but is undersized or has a few performance problems		BMP is adequately designed, several problems with performance are noted		Poor BMP design, severe performance problems or failure																														
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1																											

FIELD NOTES

GOOD OR INTERESTING DESIGN FEATURES:

PHOTO #'S:

POOR OR PROBLEMATIC DESIGN FEATURES:

PHOTO #'S:

SECTION 3 – DESIGN PLAN VERIFICATION

PLAN AVAILABLE: ☐ As-built ☐ Other: _____

Do field observations match design plans/as-builts? Describe any differences.

Soil type in facility ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, describe:

Pretreatment type and size ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, describe:

Signage ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, describe:

Low-flow channel ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, describe:

Dimensions/volume ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, describe:

Inlet type, #, and sizing ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, describe:

Outlet type, #, and sizing ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, describe:

Vegetation composition ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, describe:

Other features ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, describe:

Sample Maintenance Inspection Checklist: Rooftop Disconnect

Inspection Date _____
 Project _____ Site Plan/Permit Number _____
 Location _____ Date BMP Placed in Service _____
 Date of Last Inspection _____ Inspector _____
 Owner/Owner's Representative _____
 As-Built Plans available: Y / N

Compensatory device type (include if the pervious area flow path is less than the required minimum length): **(NOTE: See the separate plan review checklist for the compensatory device)**

- ☐ Dry Well
- ☐ French Drain
- ☐ Rain Garden
- ☐ Other: _____

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Piping, Gutters, Drains and Pre-Treatment Sumps	Fluid from a different practice is being piped near pervious areas				Prevent adjacent uses from piping through or around pervious area.	Professional	
	Sediment and debris accumulation				Correct the source of sediment and debris and remove it immediately	Owner or professional	
	Mosquito proliferation				Correct gutter flow to eliminate standing water; treat for mosquitoes, as needed	Owner or professional	
	Runoff is not entering the receiving pervious area				Check to see if connection spout or overflow pipe is clogged. Remove the sediment.	Owner or professional	
	The downspouts remain disconnected				Restore disconnection	Owner or professional	
Manufactured Products	Product or component is broken or not functioning correctly.				Follow the manufacturer's maintenance recommendations, and repair or replace as needed.	Owner or professional	
Downstream Treatment	The compensatory treatment units have not been maintained				Correct identified problems, according to the maintenance guidelines for the specific supplementary BMP.	Owner or professional	
	Stormwater discharge is ponding at point of disconnection				Dry wells or french drains may be needed, if not already present. Clean out manually, and reconstruct or replace when no longer functioning.	Professional	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Downstream Treatment (continued)	Erosion is evident at the simple disconnection, bioretention/rain gardens, filter paths, or foundation planter				Remove the sediment and debris build-up at the points where runoff enters the pervious area. Then re-stabilize.	Owner or professional	
	Practices to which the disconnection discharges are not functioning				Reference that practice's checklist for instructions to fix problems.	Professional	
	Practices to which the disconnection discharges are disturbed or have been converted				Correct identified problems and stabilize as needed	Owner or professional	
	The receiving pervious area(s) retain dimensions as shown on plans and are in good condition				Restore dimensions and make needed repairs	Owner or professional	
	There is encroachment on the receiving pervious area(s) or easement by buildings or other structures				Inform involved property owners of BMPs status ; clearly mark the boundaries of the receiving pervious area, as needed	Owner or professional (and perhaps the locality)	

Sample Maintenance Inspection Checklist:

Sheet Flow to Vegetated Filter Areas and Conserved Open Space

Inspection Date _____
 Project _____ Site Plan/Permit Number _____
 Location _____ Date BMP Placed in Service _____
 Date of Last Inspection _____ Inspector _____
 Owner/Owner's Representative _____
 As-Built Plans available: Y / N

Facility Type: Level 1 _____ Level 2 _____

Ideally, these BMP areas should be inspected annually, with the inspection conducted during the non-growing season when it is easier to observe the flow path. Once established, vegetated filter strips have minimal maintenance needs outside of the Spring clean up: regular mowing, repair of check dams and other measures to maintain the hydraulic efficiency of the filter strip and a dense, healthy grass cover. Grass filter strips and boundary zones must be mowed at least twice a year to prevent woody growth. A conservation easement may be required to ensure that the vegetated filter strip area and any newly established or restored forest cover may not be cleared. Also, a responsible party should ensure that routine forest improvements are made over time (i.e., thinning, invasive plant removal, etc.).

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Contributing Drainage Area	There is excessive trash and debris				Remove immediately.	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and/or bare or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately.	Owner or professional	
Inlet	Inlets provide stable conveyance into facility				Stabilize immediately, as needed.	Owner or professional	
	Excessive trash / debris / sediment accumulation at the inlet				Remove trash and debris immediately	Owner	
	Evidence of erosion at / around the inlet				Correct the source problem and stabilize immediately	Owner or professional	
Channel	Scour and erosion are present within the vegetated filter area				Sediments are to be cleaned out of Level Spreader forebays and flow splitters	Owner or professional	
	Debris and sediment build-up is present at the top of the vegetated filter area				Check conveyance(s) to the filter area for trouble spots and correct any problems immediately. Manually remove the deposited sediment.	Owner or professional	
Gravel Diaphragm	Foot or vehicular traffic is compromising the gravel diaphragm.				Block foot and vehicular traffic. Re-stabilize the area immediately.	Professional	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Level Spreader	The level spreader is performing properly. Flows are not concentrating on the down-gradient side of the element				Search the spreader for chips, cracks, or any other fundamental compromise of the structure. Repair immediately.	Professional	
	There is excessive landscape waste and yard clippings				Remove immediately.	Owner or professional	
Vegetation	Vegetative density is less than 90% cover in the boundary zone or grass filter				Reseed and fertilize (if necessary) the exposed soil	Owner or professional	
	The plant composition is consistent with the approved plans				Make a judgment regarding whether plants need to be replaced, and replace if necessary	Professional	
	Invasive species or weeds are present				Correctly destroy and/or remove the invasive species; make a judgment regarding whether other weeds need to be removed, and remove if necessary	Owner or professional	
	There is troublesome pest infestation				Use integrated pest management (IPM) techniques to minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides. Minimize use of organic (not chemical) fertilizer, as needed.	Owner or professional	
	There is dead vegetation and/or exposed soil				Reseed or replace dead vegetation on exposed soil areas	Owner or professional	
Overflow Area	Flows through the filter area short-circuit the overflow control section				Check that the structure is not clogged. If so, manually clean out debris immediately.	Owner or professional	
Outlet	The outlet provides stable conveyance away from the filter area				Stabilize immediately, as needed.	Professional	
Overall	There is adequate access to the level spreader and filter area				Establish adequate access	Professional	
	There is evidence of standing water				Fill in low spots and stabilize; correct flow problems causing ponding	Owner or professional	
	There is excessive trash and debris				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Overall (continued)	Mosquito proliferation				Eliminate stagnant pools and establish vegetation; treat for mosquitoes as needed. If sprays are considered, then a mosquito larvicide, such as Bacillus thurendensis or Altoside formulations can be applied <i>only if absolutely necessary</i> .	Owner or professional	
	Complaints from local residents				Correct real problems	Owner or professional	
	Encroachment on the filter area or easement by buildings/structures				Inform involved property owners of BMPs status ; clearly mark the boundaries of the receiving pervious area, as needed	Owner or professional (and perhaps the locality)	

Sample Maintenance Inspection Checklist: Grass Channels

Inspection Date _____
 Project _____ Site Plan/Permit Number _____
 Location _____ Date BMP Placed in Service _____
 Date of Last Inspection _____ Inspector _____
 Owner/Owner's Representative _____
 As-Built Plans available: Y / N

Type of pretreatment facility:

- ☐ Sediment Forebay
- ☐ Check Dam
- ☐ Grass Filter Strip
- ☐ Stone Diaphragm
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ None

Ideally, these BMP areas should be inspected annually, with the inspection conducted spring when the health of the grass channel lining should be evident. Once established, Grass Channels have minimal maintenance needs outside of the spring clean up: regular mowing, repair of check dams and other measures to maintain the hydraulic efficiency of the channel and a dense, healthy grass cover.

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Contributing Drainage Area	There is excessive trash and debris				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and / or bare or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately	Owner or professional	
Pre-treatment	There is adequate access to the pre-treatment facility				Establish adequate access	Professional and, perhaps, the locality	
	There is excessive trash / debris / sediment in the facility				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and / or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of diaphragm or other clogging				Identify and eliminate the source of the problem; . If necessary, remove and clean or replace the stone.	Professional	
	There is dead vegetation and evidence of erosion and / or exposed soil				Repair erosion damage, and reseed or otherwise restabilize with vegetation	Owner or professional	

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Inlets	The inlet is not maintaining a calm flow of water entering the channel or the conveyance capacity is blocked				Remove trash and sediment accumulated at the inflow. Sources of sediment and debris must be identified and corrected. Stone splash pads must be replenished to prevent erosion.	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion at / around inlet				Repair erosion damage, and reseed or otherwise restabilize with vegetation.	Owner or professional	
Vegetation	Native soil is exposed or erosion channels are forming				If sediment deposits are thick enough to damage or kill vegetation, remove the sediment by hand, while protecting the vegetation.	Owner or Professional	
	Grass height does not reach standards				Grass channels must be mowed to keep grass at a height of 4" to 9". Remove grass clippings after mowing.	Owner or Professional	
	Vegetation requires fertilizer or pest control				Fertilize according to specifications. Use organic rather than chemical fertilizer. If feasible, use compost. Use integrated pest management (IPM) techniques to minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides.	Owner or Professional	
	The plant composition is consistent with the approved plans				Make a judgment regarding whether plants need to be replaced, and replace if necessary	Professional	
	Invasive species or weeds are present				Correctly destroy and/or remove the invasive species; make a judgment regarding whether other weeds need to be removed, and remove if necessary	Owner or professional	
	There is dead vegetation and/or exposed soil				Reseed or replace dead vegetation and exposed soil areas	Owner or professional	
Side Slopes	Evidence of erosion on side slopes, introducing sediment into the swale.				Repair erosion damage immediately. Stabilize slopes using appropriate erosion control measures and plant appropriate vegetation.	Owner or Professional	
Check Dams	Dam is not functioning properly.				Check upstream and downstream sides of check dams for evidence of undercutting, side cutting or erosion and repair immediately.	Professional	
	There is a large accumulation of sediment or trash/debris behind the check dam.				Remove sediment when the accumulation exceeds 25% of the original Tv. Remove trash/debris and clear blockages of weep holes.	Professional	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Channel Bottom	Undesirable plant species, accumulations of fallen leaves, and other debris from deciduous plant foliage are present.				Remove woody vegetation from the channel. Prune adjacent trees and shrubs to keep the channel clear. Remove/replace invasive veg. or weeds if they cover < 25% of the channel area. Remove accumulated organic matter and debris immediately.	Owner or Professional	
	Base soils are compacted. The practice does not draw down within 48 hours after a storm.				De-thatch and aerate the channel. Remove sediment when the accumulation exceeds 25% of channel volume. Restore the original cross section and revegetate the channel.	Owner or Professional	
	There is unhealthy or dead grass cover or evidence of erosion, braiding, or excessive ponding in the channel bottom				Fill in low spots, repair erosion, and add reinforcement planting to maintain 90% turf cover. Reseed any salt killed vegetation and stabilize immediately. Keep the grass in a healthy, vigorous condition at all times, since it is the primary erosion protection for the channel.	Owner or Professional	
Channel Outlet	The outlet does not maintain sheet flow of water exiting the channel (unless a collection drain is used).				The source of erosion damage must be identified and controlled when native soil is exposed or erosion channels are forming. Check the channel outlet and all road crossings for bank stability and evidence of piping or scour holes.	Owner or professional	
	The outlet provides stable conveyance out of the channel				Stabilize immediately, as needed.	Professional	
	There is excessive trash, debris or sediment accumulation at outlet				Check inflow points for clogging and remove any trash and sediment deposits	Owner or professional	
	There is dead vegetation and/or exposed soil				Reseed or replace dead vegetation and exposed soil areas	Owner or professional	
Pest Control	There is evidence of standing water and mosquito habitat or rodent damage				Pest control measures must be taken when mosquitoes and/or rodents are found to be present. If sprays are considered, then a mosquito larvicide, such as Bacillus thurendensis or Altoside formulations can be applied <i>only if absolutely necessary</i> . Holes in the ground located in and around the swale must be filled and stabilized with vegetation.	Professional	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Overall	Access to the Grass Channel is adequate				Establish adequate access	Professional and, perhaps, the locality	
	Complaints from local residents				Correct real problems	Owner or professional	
	Encroachment by buildings or other structures				Clearly mark BMP and inform those involved of the BMPs.	Owner, pro (and perhaps the locality)	

Sample Maintenance Inspection Checklist: Soil Compost Amendments

Inspection Date _____
 Project _____ Site Plan/Permit Number _____
 Location _____ Date BMP Placed in Service _____
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 Owner/Owner's Representative _____
 As-Built Plans available: Y / N

Ideally, the amended soil area should be watered once every 3 days for the first month, and then weekly during the first growing season (April-October), depending upon rainfall. The area should be inspected at least after each storm event that exceeds 1/2-inch of rainfall during the first six months following the incorporation of soil amendments. Depending on the results of a soil test for the amended area, a one-time spot fertilization may be needed in the fall after the first growing season to increase plant vigor. The area should be de-thatched every few years to increase permeability.

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
	There is excessive trash and debris				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and / or bare or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately with grass cover	Owner or professional	
	Evidence of excessive use of fertilizer or lawn chemicals				Develop and implement a nutrient and pest control management plan	Owner or professional	
	Runoff is ponding, creating rills, and/or causing erosion				Dethatch or aerate the soil. Introduce more compost amendments and/or lime. Restabilize eroded areas by replanting vegetation.	Owner or professional	
	Access to the amended soil area for maintenance is adequate.				Establish adequate access	Professional	
	Absence of signs designating the area as a Conservation Area				Obtain or create and post appropriate signage	Owner (and perhaps the locality)	
	There is evidence of erosion and / or bare or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately	Owner or professional	
	Encroachment on the amended area or easement by buildings or other structures				Inform involved property owners of BMPs status ; clearly mark the boundaries of the receiving pervious area, as needed	Owner or professional (and perhaps the locality)	

NOTE: Soil compost amendments do not need to be addressed in a maintenance agreement if they are incorporated to reduce lawn runoff volume or improve a residential rooftop disconnection. They probably should be addressed in a simple maintenance agreement if the soil restoration/improvement is associated with more than 10,000 square feet of reforestation. Soil compost amendments within a vegetated filter strip or grass channel should be located in a public right of way or within a dedicated stormwater or drainage easement.

Sample Maintenance Inspection Checklist: Vegetated Roofs

Inspection Date _____
 Project _____ Site Plan/Permit Number _____
 Location _____ Date BMP Placed in Service _____
 Date of Last Inspection _____ Inspector _____
 Owner/Owner's Representative _____
 As-Built Plans available: Y / N

Facility Type: Level 1 _____ Level 2 _____

Ideally, following construction, this practice should be inspected monthly during the vegetation establishment period, and then every six months thereafter to assess the state of vegetative cover and to look for leaks, drainage problems and other functional or structural concerns. Maintenance may include watering, hand-weeding to remove invasive or volunteer plants, and to add plant materials to repair bare areas. The use of herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, and fertilizers should be avoided, since their presence could hasten degradation of the waterproof membrane. Also, power-washing and other exterior maintenance operations should be avoided so that cleaning agents and other chemicals do not harm the vegetated roof plant communities.

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Vegetation	Plant cover is less 90% plant cover				During establishment period, replace dead plants as needed. During the long-term period, dead plants must generally be replaced once per year in the fall.	Owner or professional	
	Plants are wilting				Water more frequently to promote growth and survival. Annual application of slow-release fertilizer is recommended in the fall during the first five years following installation. After that, fertilizer is generally not necessary and should not be applied.	Owner or professional	
	Plants are choking on excess vegetation				Fallen leaves and debris from deciduous plant foliage must be removed and should be recycled or composted.	Owner or professional	
	Invasive and nuisance plant species are present				Completely remove invasive plant species. Weeding must be done by hand, without the use of herbicides or pesticides. Remove weeds regularly and do not allow them to accumulate.	Owner or professional	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Vegetation (continued)	Drought conditions are present				Mulch or shade cloth may be applied to prevent excess solar damage and water loss	Professional	
	There is troublesome pest infestation				Use integrated pest management (IPM) techniques to minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides. Minimize use of organic (not chemical) fertilizer, as needed.	Owner or professional	
	There is excessive trash and debris				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	Grass has become unruly				Grass should be mowed as needed. Clippings must be removed and should be recycled or composted.	Owner or professional	
Vegetation Irrigation	During the establishment period (initial 1-3 years)				Water sufficiently to assure plant establishment, but do not exceed 1/4-inch of water once every 3 days	Owner or professional	
	During the long-term period (3+ years)				Water sufficiently to maintain plant cover, but do not exceed 1/4-inch of water once every 14 days. For automatic sprinklers, use manufacturers' instructions for operation and maintenance.	Owner or professional	
Structural Components	Waterproof membrane is leaking or cracked				Make necessary repairs immediately	Professional	
	Root barrier is perforated				Replace swatch	Professional	
Drainage Layer/Inlet Pipes	Soil substrate, vegetation, debris, litter or other materials clog the roof drain inlet, scuppers or gutters				Sources of organic matter, debris, litter, and other sediment must be identified and materials removed to prevent clogging drainage structures	Professional	
	Drain inlet pipe is in poor condition				Repair as needed	Professional	
Soil Substrate/ Growing Medium	Evidence of erosion from wind or water				If erosion channels are evident, they must be stabilized with additional soil substrate/growth medium and covered with additional plants	Professional	
	Growth media has become clogged with sediment				Manually remove sediment so as not to damage plant materials.	Professional	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Overall	Access to the vegetated roof is adequate.				Egress and ingress routes must be restored to design standards. Walkways must be clear of obstructions and maintained to design standards.	Professional	
	There is evidence of damage or vandalism				Maintain the vegetated roof's aesthetics as an asset to the property owner and community.	Owner or professional	
	Mosquitoes or other insects are breeding/ abundant at the practice				Standing water creating an environment for development of insect larvae must be eliminated manually. Chemical sprays must not be used.	Owner or professional	
	Threat of a spill is imminent				Spill prevention measures must be exercised for mechanical systems located on roofs when substances that can contaminate stormwater are used. Releases of pollutants must be corrected as soon as they are identified.	Owner or professional	

Sample Maintenance Inspection Checklist: Rainwater Harvesting

Inspection Date _____
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 Owner/Owner's Representative _____
 As-Built Plans available: Y / N

Ideally, this practice should be inspected each spring and fall by the owner, with an extensive inspection every three years by a qualified third party inspector.

Element of BMP	Potential Problems	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to fix problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Overall (Every third year)	A component of the system is leaking or damaged				Make necessary repairs or replace damaged components	Professional	
	Water is flowing out of the overflow pipe during the design rainfall or smaller storm (1-1.5 inch)				Check for clogging or damage and ensure the pump is operating correctly. Ensure water is being used at the volume for which the system was designed.	Owner or professional	
	Electric system is flawed				Make any necessary repairs/adjustments	Professional	
	Sediment accumulation in cistern exceeds 5% of the design volume				Remove sediment	Professional	
	Excessive overhanging vegetation/trees present				Trim branches back to meet standards	Professional	
Captured roof area (Twice a year)	Excess debris/sediment on the rooftop				Remove debris immediately	Owner or professional	
Gutter system (Twice a year)	Gutters are clogged and water is backed up				Unclog/remove leaves and debris. May need to install gutter screens.	Owner or professional	
	Rooftop runoff is not reaching the gutter system				Correct the positioning or installation of gutters. May need to replace the system	Owner or professional	
	Algae growth				Do not allow sunlight to penetrate cistern. Treat the water to remove/prevent algae	Owner or professional	
	Mosquitoes are present in the cistern				Check screens for damage and repair/ replace. Treat with mosquito dunks if necessary	Owner or professional	
	Lids are damaged. Be sure to check vents and screens on inflow and outflow spigots and mosquito screens				Repair immediately. Ensure that lid damage has not led to any of the aforementioned problems with the cistern	Owner or professional	

Element of BMP	Potential Problems	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to fix problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Screens and filters (Twice a year)	Debris/sediment accumulation. Screens are clogged				Find the source of debris and sediment and remedy. Clear the screen/filter. Replace if necessary	Professional	
Pump (Twice a year)	Not operating properly				Check for clogging. Flush if needed. May need to be replaced	Professional	
Pre-screening devices and first flush devices (Every 3 months)	Dirty/clogged				Have a professional ensure screens have not caused bacterial growth within the gutters or downspouts. The owner may remove the clean out plug from the first flush device and manually wipe it clean.	Owner or Professional	
Backflow preventer (Every third year)	Pressure is uneven and is causing backpressure or back-siphonage				Immediately stop use of the indoor water supplied by the tank and call a professional.	Professional	
Secondary water supply (Every third year)	Not operating properly				Consult an expert only	Professional	
Overflow pipe (Annually)	Erosion is evident at overflow discharge point, along the filter path/secondary runoff reduction practices				Stabilize immediately. It may be necessary to refer to inspection checklists for other BMPs.	Professional	
	Overflow pipe in poor condition				Repair or replace pipe	Professional	

Sample Maintenance Inspection Checklist: Permeable Pavement

Inspection Date _____
 Project _____ Site Plan/Permit Number _____
 Location _____ Date BMP Placed in Service _____
 Date of Last Inspection _____ Inspector _____
 Owner/Owner's Representative _____
 As-Built Plans available: Y / N

Facility Type: Level 1 _____ Level 2 _____

Ideally, each permeable pavement installation should be inspected in the Spring of each year, especially at large-scale installations.

Element of BMP	Potential Problems	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to fix problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Contributing Drainage Area	There is excessive trash and debris				Remove immediately.	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and/or bare or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately.	Owner or professional	
	There is excessive landscape waste and yard clippings				Remove immediately.	Owner or professional	
Adjacent Vegetation	Trees and shrubs are within 5 feet of the pavement surface				Check that tree roots have not penetrated the pavement and leaf residue has not clogged the pavement. Vegetation that limits access or interferes with the permeable pavement operation must be pruned or removed.	Owner or Professional	
Inlets, Pre-Treatment Cells and Flow Diversion Structures	There is excessive trash, debris or sediment accumulation				Remove immediately	Owner or Professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and / or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately	Owner or professional	
	Evidence of clogging				Clean out sediment or debris. Remove and wash or replace stone, as needed	Professional	

Element of BMP	Potential Problems	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to fix problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Pavement Surface	Mosquito proliferation				Eliminate standing water and establish vegetation; treat for mosquitoes as needed. If sprays are considered, then use a licensed pest controller to apply an approved mosquito larvicide (<i>only if absolutely necessary</i>).	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and / or bare or exposed soil in grid paver areas				Stabilize immediately. Mow, irrigate and apply organic (not chemical) fertilizer, as needed to keep grass healthy and dense enough to provide filtering while protecting the underlying soil. Remove any grass clippings.	Owner or professional	
	There is loose material (e.g., bark, sand, etc.) stored on the pavement surface				Remove immediately and vacuum sweep the area to prevent clogging the pavement pores.	Professional	
	Pavement is stained and/or clogged or water is ponding, indicating the pavement is not draining properly. Measure the drawdown rate in the observation well for three (3) days following a storm event that exceeds 1/2-inch of rain. If standing water is still observed in the well after three days, this is a clear sign that the pavement is clogged. There are significant amounts of sediment have accumulated between the pavers.				The surface must be kept clean and free of leaves, debris, and sediment by vacuum sweeping (without brooms or water spray) immediately and, otherwise, at a frequency consistent with the use and loadings encountered (at a minimum, annual dry-weather sweeping in the Spring). Where paving blocks are installed, the sweeper must be calibrated so it does <i>not</i> pick up the stones between the paver blocks. Following the vacuum sweeping, test pavement sections by pouring water from 5 gallon buckets, to ensure proper drainage.	Professional	
Structural Integrity	There is evidence of surface deterioration, such as slumping, cracking, spalling or broken pavers.				Repair or replace affected areas, as necessary.	Professional	
Observation Wells	Is each observation well still capped?				Repair, as necessary.	Professional	
Outlet	Outlets are obstructed or erosion and soil exposure is evident below the outlet.				Remove obstructions and stabilize eroded or exposed areas.	Owner or Professional	

Sample VSMP Maintenance Inspection Checklist: Infiltration

Inspection Date _____
 Project _____ Site Plan/Permit Number _____
 Location _____ Date BMP Placed in Service _____
 Date of Last Inspection _____ Inspector _____
 Owner/Owner's Representative _____
 As-Built Plans available: Y / N

Facility Type: Level 1 _____ Level 2 _____

Facility Location:

- ☐ Surface
☐ Underground

Hydraulic Configuration:

- ☐ On-line facility
☐ Off-line facility

Filtration Media:

- ☐ No filtration (e.g., dry well, permeable pavement, infiltration facility, etc.)
☐ Sand
☐ Bioretention Soil
☐ Peat
☐ Other: _____

Type of Pre-Treatment Facility:

- ☐ Sediment forebay (above ground)
☐ Sedimentation chamber
☐ Plunge pool
☐ Stone diaphragm
☐ Grass filter strip
☐ Grass channel
☐ Other: _____

Ideally, infiltration facilities should be inspected annually. Spill Prevention measures should be used around infiltration facilities when handling substances that contaminate stormwater. Releases of pollutants should be corrected as soon as identified.

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Contributing Drainage Area	There is excessive trash and debris				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and / or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately	Owner or professional	
	Vegetative cover is adequate				Supplement as needed	Owner or professional	
	There are excessive landscape waste or yard clippings				Remove immediately and recycle or compost	Owner or professional	
Pre-Treatment Facility	There is adequate access to the pre-treatment facility				Establish adequate access	Professional and, perhaps, the locality	
	There is excessive trash, debris, or sediment.				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and/or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately	Owner or professional	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Pre-Treatment Facility (continued)	There is evidence of clogging (standing water, noticeable odors, water stains, algae or floating aquatic vegetation)				Identify and eliminate the source of the problem. If necessary, remove and clean or replace the clogged material.	Professional	
	There is dead vegetation or exposed soil in the grass filter				Restabilize and revegetate as necessary	Owner or professional	
Inlets	Inlets provide a stable conveyance into facility				Stabilize immediately, as needed.	Owner or professional	
	There is excessive trash/debris/sediment.				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion at or around the inlet				Repair erosion damage and reseed or otherwise restabilize with vegetation	Owner or professional	
Embankment, Flow Diversion Structures (e.g., Dikes, Berms, etc.) and Side Slopes	There is evidence of erosion or bare soil				Identify the source of erosion damage and prevent it from recurring. Repair erosion damage and reseed or otherwise restabilize with vegetation	Owner or professional	
	There is excess sediment accumulation				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	Water is not detained in the infiltration basin				Check for a breach in the containment structure and repair immediately.	Professional	
	Side slopes support nuisance animals.				Animal burrows must be backfilled and compacted. Burrowing animals should be humanely removed from area.	Professional	
Maintaining Facility Capacity and Proper Drainage	Look for weedy growth on the stone surface indicating sediment accumulation and potential clogging				Identify and control sources of sediment and debris. Remove sediment and debris in excess of 4" in depth every 2-5 years (or sooner if performance is affected).	Professional	
	Measure the draw-down rate of the observation well for three days following a storm event in excess of 1/2 inches in depth. If standing water is still observed after three days, this is a clear sign that clogging is a problem.				Immediately clear debris from the underdrain. Replace the underdrain if necessary. If needed, regrade and till to restore infiltration capacity (the need for this can be prevented by preventing upstream erosion and subsequent sediment transport to the facility).	Professional	
	There is excessive trash/debris				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
Vegetation	Grass within the practice is overgrown				Grass must be mowed to a height of 4"-9" and grass clippings removed (ideally recycled or composted).	Owner or professional	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Vegetation (continued)	Pioneer trees are sprouting in the base of the facility				Remove trees to prevent roots from puncturing the filter fabric, allowing sediment to enter		
	Vegetation forms an overhead canopy that may drop leaf litter, fruit and other vegetative materials that may cause clogging.				Prune or remove vegetation as necessary	Owner or professional	
Observation Well	Is each observation well still capped?				Repair, as necessary.	Professional	
Outlet	Outlets are obstructed or erosion and soil exposure is evident below the outlet.				Remove obstructions and stabilize eroded or exposed areas.	Owner or Professional	
	Evidence of flow bypassing facility				Repair immediately	Professional	
	There is excessive trash, debris, or sediment at the outlet				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
Overflow or Emergency Spillway	The pipe or spillway is not effectively conveying excess water to an adequate receiving system				Clear sediment and debris whenever 25% or more of the conveyance capacity is blocked. When damaged pipe is discovered, it must be repaired or replaced immediately. Identify and control sources of erosion damage. Replace or reinforce stone armament whenever only one layer of stone remains.	Professional	
Structural Components	Evidence of structural deterioration				Repair as necessary	Professional	
	Evidence of spalling or cracking of structural components				Repair or replace, as necessary	Professional	
	Grates are in good condition				Repair or replace, as necessary	Owner or professional	
Overall	Access to the Infiltration facility or its components is adequate				Establish adequate access. Remove woody vegetation and debris that may block access. Ensure that manholes, valves and/or locks can be opened and operated.	Professional and, perhaps, the locality	
	There is evidence of standing water				Fill in low spots and stabilize; correct flow problems causing ponding	Owner or professional	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Overall (continued)	Mosquito proliferation				Eliminate standing water and establish vegetation; treat for mosquitoes as needed. If sprays are considered, then a mosquito larvicide, such as Bacillus thurendensis or Altoside formulations can be applied <i>only if absolutely necessary</i> .	Owner or professional	
	Complaints from local residents				Correct real problems	Owner or professional	
	Encroachment on the infiltration area or easement by buildings or other structures				Inform involved property owners of BMPs status ; clearly mark the boundaries of the receiving pervious area, as needed	Owner or professional (and perhaps the locality)	

Sample Maintenance Inspection Checklist: Bioretention Practices

Inspection Date _____
 Project _____ Site Plan/Permit Number _____
 Location _____ Date BMP Placed in Service _____
 Date of Last Inspection _____ Inspector _____
 Owner/Owner's Representative _____
 As-Built Plans available: Y / N

Facility Type: Level 1 _____ Level 2 _____

Facility Location:

- ☐ Surface
☐ Underground

Hydraulic Configuration:

- ☐ On-line facility
☐ Off-line facility

Filtration Media:

- ☐ No filtration (e.g., dry well, permeable pavement, infiltration facility, etc.)
☐ Sand
☐ Bioretention Soil
☐ Peat
☐ Other: _____

Type of Pre-Treatment Facility:

- ☐ Sediment forebay (above ground)
☐ Sedimentation chamber
☐ Plunge pool
☐ Stone diaphragm
☐ Grass filter strip
☐ Grass channel
☐ Other: _____

Ideally, Bioretention facilities should be inspected and cleaned up annually, preferably during the spring. During the first 6 months following construction of a bioretention facility, the site should be inspected at least twice after storm events that exceed 1/2-inch of rainfall. Watering is needed once a week during the first 2 months following installation, and then as needed during the first growing season (April-October), depending upon rainfall. If vegetation needs to be replaced, one-time spot fertilization may be needed, preferably using an organic rather than a chemical fertilizer. Each facility should have a customized routine maintenance schedule addressing issues such as the following: grass mowing, weeding, trash removal, mulch raking and maintenance, erosion repair, reinforcement plantings, tree and shrub pruning, and sediment removal.

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to fix problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Contributing Drainage Area	Adequate vegetation				Supplement as necessary	Owner or professional	
	There is excessive trash and debris				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and / or bare or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately	Owner or professional	
	There are excessive landscape waste or yard clippings				Remove immediately and recycle or compost	Owner or professional	
	Oil, grease or other unauthorized substances are entering the facility				Identify and control the source of this pollution. It may be necessary to erect fences, signs, etc	Owner or professional	
Pre-Treatment	There is adequate access to the pre-treatment facility				Establish adequate access	Professional and, perhaps, the locality	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to fix problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Pre-Treatment (continued)	Excessive trash, debris, or sediment.				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
Pre-Treatment (continued)	There is evidence of clogging (standing water, noticeable odors, water stains, algae or floating aquatic vegetation, or oil/grease)				Identify and eliminate the source of the problem. If necessary, remove and clean or replace the clogged material.	Professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and / or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is dead vegetation or exposed soil in the grass filter				Restabilize and revegetate as necessary	Owner or professional	
Inlets	Check for sediment build-up at curb cuts, gravel diaphragms or pavement edges that prevent flow from getting into the bed, and check for bypassing.				Remove sediment and correct any other problems that block inflow.	Owner or professional	
	There is excessive trash, debris, or sediment.				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion at or around the inlet				Repair erosion damage and reseed or otherwise restabilize with vegetation	Owner or professional	
	Inflow is hindered by trees and/or shrubs.				Remove woody vegetation from points of inflow and directly above underdrains. (Trees and shrubs may be located closer to the perimeter.)	Owner or professional	
Side Slopes <i>(Annually, after major storms)</i>	There is evidence of rill or gully erosion or bare soil				Identify the source of erosion damage and prevent it from recurring. Repair erosion damage and reseed or otherwise restabilize with vegetation	Owner or professional	
	There is excess sediment accumulation				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	Side slopes support nuisance animals.				Animal burrows must be backfilled and compacted. Burrowing animals should be humanely removed from the area.	Professional	
Vegetation <i>(monthly)</i>	Plant composition is consistent with the approved plans and any stakes or wires are in good condition.				Determine if existing plant materials are at least consistent with general Bioretention design criteria and replace inconsistent species.	Professional	
	There should be 75-90% cover (mulch plus vegetation), and the mulch cover should be 2-3 inches deep.				Supplement vegetation and mulch as needed.		

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to fix problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Vegetation (monthly) (continued)	There is evidence of hydrocarbons or other deleterious materials, resulting in unsatisfactory plant growth or mortality,				Replace contaminated mulch. If problem persists, test soils for hydrocarbons and other toxic substances. If excess levels are found, the soils, plants and mulch may all need to be replaced in accordance with the approved construction plans.	Professional	
	Invasive species or weeds make up at least 10% of the facility's vegetation				Remove invasive species and excessive weeds immediately and replace vegetation as needed.	Owner or professional	
	The grass is too high				Mow within a week. Grass species should be selected that have dense cover, are relatively slow growing, and require the least mowing and chemical inputs. Grass should be from 6-10 inches high.	Owner or professional	
	Vegetation is diseased, dying or dead				Remove and replace. Increase watering, but avoid using chemical fertilizers, unless absolutely necessary.	Professional	
	Winter-killed or salt-killed vegetation is present.				Replace with hardier species.	Owner or professional	
Filter Media (Annually)	The filter media is too low, too compacted, or the composition is inconsistent with design specifications				Raise the level, loosen and amend or replace the media, as needed, to be consistent with the state design criteria for Bioretention (85-88% sand 8-12% soil fines 3-5% organic matter in form of leaf compost). Other remediation options are described in the maintenance section of the state design criteria for Bioretention	Professional	
	The mulch is older than 3 years or is otherwise in poor condition				The mulch must be replaced every 2-3 years	Professional	
	There is evidence that chemicals, fertilizers, and/or oil/grease are present				Remove undesirable chemicals from media and facility immediately, and replace mulch or media as needed	Professional	
	There is excessive trash, debris, or sediment.				Remove trash and debris immediately. Check plant health and, without damaging plants, manually remove the sediment, especially if the depth exceeds 20% of the facility's design depth.	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of concentrated flows, erosion or exposed soil				Identify the source of erosion damage and prevent it from recurring. Repair the erosion damage and reseed or otherwise restabilize with vegetation.	Professional	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to fix problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Filter Media (Annually) (continued)	The filter bed is clogged and/or filled inappropriately				Redistribute the soil substrate and remove sediment within 2 weeks.	Professional	
	The topsoil is in poor condition (e.g., the pH level is not 6-7, the composition is inappropriate, etc.)				Ensure a 3-inch surface depth of topsoil consistent with the state design criteria for Bioretention (loamy sand or sandy loam texture, with less than 5% clay content, and organic matter content of at least 2%). If the pH is less than 6.5, spread limestone.	Professional	
Underdrain/ Proper Drainage	The perforated pipe is not conveying water as designed				Determine if the pipe is clogged with debris or if woody roots have pierced the pipe. Immediately clean out or replace the pipe, as necessary.	Professional	
	The underlying soil interface is clogged (there is evidence on the surface of soil crusting, standing water, the facility does not dewater between storms, or water ponds on the surface of basin for more than 48 hours after an event).				Measure the draw-down rate of the observation well for three days following a storm event in excess of 1/2 inches in depth. After three days, if there is standing water on top but not in the underdrain, this indicates a clogged soil layer. If standing water is both on the surface and in the underdrain, then the underdrain is probably clogged. This should be promptly investigated and remediated to restore proper filtration. Grading changes may be needed or underdrain repairs made. The filter media may need to be raked, excavated and cleaned or replaced to correct the problem. Holes that are not consistent with the design and allow water to flow directly through a planter to the ground must be plugged.	Professional	
Planters	The planter is unable to receive or detain stormwater prior to infiltration. Water does not drain from the reservoir within 3-4 hours of after a storm event.				Identify and correct sources of clogging. Topsoil and sand/peat layer may need to be amended with sand or replaced all together.	Owner or professional	
	The planter has structural deficiencies, including rot, cracks, and failure, or the planter is unable to contain the filter media or vegetation				Make needed repairs immediately.	Owner or professional	
Outlet/ Overflow Spillway	Outlets are obstructed or erosion and soil exposure is evident below the outlet.				Remove obstructions and stabilize eroded or exposed areas.	Owner or Professional	
	There is excessive trash, debris, or sediment at the outlet				Remove immediately, and keep the contributing area free of trash and debris.	Owner or professional	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to fix problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Outlet/ Overflow Spillway (continued)	Any grates present are in good condition				Repair or replace as necessary	Owner or professional	
Observation Well	Is the observation well still capped?				Repair, as necessary.	Professional	
Overall	Access to the Infiltration facility or its components is adequate				Establish adequate access. Remove woody vegetation and debris that may block access. Ensure that hardware can be opened and operated.	Professional and, perhaps, the locality	
	There is evidence of standing water				Fill in low spots and stabilize; correct flow problems causing ponding.	Owner or professional	
	Mosquito proliferation				Eliminate stagnant pools and establish vegetation; treat for mosquitoes as needed. If sprays are considered, then a mosquito larvicide, such as Bacillus thurendensis or Altoside formulations can be applied <i>only if absolutely necessary</i> .	Owner or professional	
	Complaints from local residents				Correct real problems	Owner or professional	
	Encroachment on the bioretention area or easement by buildings or other structures				Inform involved property owners of BMPs status ; clearly mark the boundaries of the receiving pervious area, as needed	Owner or professional (and perhaps the locality)	

Sample Maintenance Inspection Checklist: Dry Swales

Inspection Date _____
 Project _____ Site Plan/Permit Number _____
 Location _____ Date BMP Placed in Service _____
 Date of Last Inspection _____ Inspector _____
 Owner/Owner's Representative _____
 As-Built Plans available: Y / N

Facility Type: Level 1 _____ Level 2 _____

Facility Location:

- ☐ Surface
☐ Underground

Hydraulic Configuration:

- ☐ On-line facility
☐ Off-line facility

Filtration Media:

- ☐ No filtration (e.g., dry well, permeable pavement, infiltration facility, etc.)
☐ Sand
☐ Bioretention Soil
☐ Peat
☐ Other: _____

Type of Pre-Treatment Facility:

- ☐ Sediment forebay (above ground)
☐ Sedimentation chamber
☐ Plunge pool
☐ Stone diaphragm
☐ Grass filter strip
☐ Grass channel
☐ Other: _____

Ideally, Dry Swales should be inspected annually in the Spring, triggering such maintenance activities as sediment removal, spot revegetation, inlet stabilization, and repairs to check dams, underdrains and outlets.

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N			How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Contributing Drainage Area	There is excessive trash and debris				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and / or bare or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately	Owner or professional	
	There are excessive landscape waste or yard clippings				Remove immediately and recycle or compost	Owner or professional	
Pre-Treatment and Flow Spreaders	There is adequate access to the pre-treatment facility.				Establish adequate access	Professional and, perhaps, the locality	
	There is excessive trash, debris, or sediment.				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and / or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of clogging (standing water, noticeable odors, water stains, algae or floating aquatic vegetation)				Identify and eliminate the source of the problem. If necessary, remove and clean or replace the clogged material.	Professional	

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Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N			How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Pre-Treatment and Flow Spreaders (continued)	There is dead vegetation or exposed soil in the grass filter				Restabilize and revegetate as necessary	Owner or professional	
	The pea gravel diaphragm is at the correct level				Correct the installation, as needed	Professional	
Inlet and Swale Sides and Base	The inlet provides a stable conveyance into the swale				Stabilize immediately, as needed, and clear blockages.	Owner or professional	
	There is excessive trash, debris, or sediment.				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion at or around the inlet				Repair erosion damage and reseed	Owner or professional	
Check Dams	A check dam is not functioning properly.				Check upstream and downstream sides of check dams for evidence of undercutting, side cutting or erosion and repair immediately.	Professional	
	There is a large accumulation of sediment or trash/debris behind the check dam.				Remove sediment when the accumulation exceeds 25% of the original Tv. Remove trash/debris and clear blockages of weep holes.	Professional	
Vegetation	Invasive species or weeds make up at least 10% of the facility's vegetation				Remove invasive species and excessive weeds immediately and replace vegetation as needed.	Owner or professional	
	Trees form an overhead canopy that may drop leaf litter, fruit and other vegetative materials that may cause clogging.				Prune or remove vegetation and organic litter as necessary.	Owner or professional	
	Grass height is not consistent with standards.				Dry Swales must be mowed to keep grass at a height of 4" to 9". Remove grass clippings after mowing.	Owner or professional	
	The grass cover is not dense enough or is dead or dying				Increase watering and reseed, if necessary, to maintain 95% turf cover, but avoid using chemical fertilizers unless absolutely necessary. Replace salt-killed vegetation with salt-tolerant species.	Professional	
Filter Media/ Soil	There is evidence that chemicals, fertilizers, and/or oil are present				Remove undesirable chemicals from media and facility immediately, and replace mulch or media as needed	Professional	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N			How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Filter Media/ Soil (continued)	There is excessive trash, debris, or sediment.				Remove trash and debris immediately. Check plant health and, without damaging plants, manually remove the sediment, especially if the depth exceeds 20% of the facility's design depth.	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and / or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence that chemicals, fertilizers, and/or oil are present				Remove undesirable chemicals from media immediately, and replace mulch or media as needed	Professional	
Underdrain	The perforated pipe is not conveying water as designed				Determine if the pipe is clogged with debris or if woody roots have pierced the pipe. Immediately clean out or replace the pipe, as necessary.	Professional	
	The underlying soil interface is clogged (there is evidence on the surface of soil crusting, standing water, the facility does not dewater between storms, or water ponds on the surface of basin for more than 48 hours after an event).				Measure the draw-down rate of the observation well for three days following a storm event in excess of 1/2 inches in depth. After three days, if there is standing water on top but not in the underdrain, this indicates a clogged soil layer. If standing water is both on the surface and in the underdrain, then the underdrain is probably clogged. This should be promptly investigated and remediated to restore proper filtration. Grading changes may be needed or underdrain repairs made.	Professional	
Outlet	Outlets are obstructed or erosion and soil exposure is evident below the outlet.				Remove obstructions and stabilize eroded or exposed areas.	Owner or Professional	
	There is excessive trash, debris, or sediment at the outlet				Remove immediately, and keep the contributing area free of trash and debris.	Owner or professional	
Overall	Access to the Infiltration facility or its components is adequate				Establish adequate access. Remove woody vegetation and debris that may block access. Ensure that hardware can be opened and operated.	Professional and, perhaps, the locality	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N			How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Overall (continued)	Mosquito proliferation				Eliminate stagnant pools and establish vegetation; treat for mosquitoes as needed. If sprays are considered, then a mosquito larvicide, such as Bacillus thurendensis or Altoside formulations can be applied <i>only if absolutely necessary</i> .	Owner or professional	
	Complaints from local residents				Correct real problems.	Owner or professional	
	Encroachment on the swale or easement by buildings or other structures				Inform involved property owners of BMPs status ; clearly mark the boundaries of the receiving pervious area, as needed	Owner or professional (and perhaps the locality)	

Sample Maintenance Inspection Checklist: Wet Swales

Inspection Date _____
 Project _____ Site Plan/Permit Number _____
 Location _____ Date BMP Placed in Service _____
 Date of Last Inspection _____ Inspector _____
 Owner/Owner's Representative _____
 As-Built Plans available: Y / N

Facility Type: Level 1 _____ Level 2 _____

Facility Location:

- ☐ Surface
☐ Underground

Hydraulic Configuration:

- ☐ On-line facility
☐ Off-line facility

Filtration Media:

- ☐ No filtration (e.g., dry well, permeable pavement, infiltration facility, etc.)
☐ Sand
☐ Bioretention Soil
☐ Peat
☐ Other: _____

Type of Pre-Treatment Facility:

- ☐ Sediment forebay (above ground)
☐ Sedimentation chamber
☐ Plunge pool
☐ Stone diaphragm
☐ Grass filter strip
☐ Grass channel
☐ Other: _____

Wet Swales have maintenance needs similar to Dry Swales, although woody wetland vegetation may need to be removed periodically.

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Contributing Drainage Area	There is excessive trash and debris				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and / or bare or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately	Owner or professional	
	There are excessive landscape waste or yard clippings				Remove immediately and recycle or compost	Owner or professional	
Pre-Treatment	There is adequate access to the pre-treatment facility				Establish adequate access	Professional and, perhaps, the locality	
	There is excessive trash, debris, or sediment.				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and / or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of clogging (standing water, noticeable odors, water stains, algae or floating aquatic vegetation)				Identify and eliminate the source of the problem. If necessary, remove and clean or replace the clogged material.	Professional	
	There is dead vegetation.				Replace dead vegetation as necessary	Professional	

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Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Inlets	The inlet provides a stable conveyance into the swale				Stabilize immediately, as needed, and clear blockages.	Owner or professional	
	There is excessive trash, debris, or sediment.				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion at or around the inlet				Repair erosion damage and reseed	Owner or professional	
Check Dams	A check dam is not functioning properly.				Check upstream and downstream sides of check dams for evidence of undercutting, side cutting or erosion and repair immediately.	Professional	
	There is a large accumulation of sediment or trash/debris behind the check dam.				Remove sediment when the accumulation exceeds 25% of the original Tv. Remove trash/debris and clear blockages of weep holes.	Professional	
Vegetation (monthly)	Plant composition is consistent with the approved plans				Replace inconsistent species	Professional	
	Invasive species (e.g., phragmites) are present.				Remove invasive species immediately and replace vegetation as needed.	Professional	
	Vegetation is dead or dying				Replace dead vegetation as needed.	Professional	
Outlet	Outlets are obstructed or erosion and soil exposure is evident below the outlet.				Remove obstructions and stabilize eroded or exposed areas.	Owner or Professional	
	There is excessive trash, debris, or sediment at the outlet				Remove immediately, and keep the contributing area free of trash and debris.	Owner or professional	
Overall	Access to the Infiltration facility or its components is adequate.				Establish adequate access. Remove woody vegetation and debris that may block access. Ensure that hardware can be opened and operated.	Professional and, perhaps, the locality	
	Mosquito proliferation				Eliminate stagnant pools if feasible, and treat for mosquitoes as needed. If sprays are considered, then a mosquito larvicide, such as Bacillus thurendensis or Altoside formulations can be applied <i>only if absolutely necessary</i> .	Owner or professional	
	Complaints from local residents				Correct real problems.	Owner or professional	
	Encroachment on the swale or easement by buildings or other structures				Inform involved property owners of BMPs status ; clearly mark the boundaries of the receiving pervious area, as needed	Owner or professional (and perhaps the locality)	

Sample Maintenance Inspection Checklist: Filtering Practices

Inspection Date _____
 Project _____ Site Plan/Permit Number _____
 Location _____ Date BMP Placed in Service _____
 Date of Last Inspection _____ Inspector _____
 Owner/Owner's Representative _____
 As-Built Plans available: Y / N

Facility Type: Level 1 _____ Level 2 _____

Facility Location:

- ☐ Surface
☐ Underground

Hydraulic Configuration:

- ☐ On-line facility
☐ Off-line facility

Filtration Media:

- ☐ No filtration (e.g., dry well, permeable pavement, infiltration facility, etc.)
☐ Sand
☐ Bioretention Soil
☐ Peat
☐ Other: _____

Type of Pre-Treatment Facility:

- ☐ Sediment forebay (above ground)
☐ Sedimentation chamber
☐ Plunge pool
☐ Stone diaphragm
☐ Grass filter strip
☐ Grass channel
☐ Other: _____

An inspection and clean-up should be scheduled annually to remove trash and floatables that accumulate in the pre-treatment cells and filter bed. Frequent sediment cleanouts in the dry and wet sedimentation chambers are recommended every 2-3 years to maintain the function and performance of the filter. If the filter treats runoff from a hotspot, crews may need to test the filter bed media before disposing of the media and trapped pollutants. If the filter does not treat runoff from a hotspot, the media can be safely disposed by either land application or land filling, without prior testing.

Warning: If the filtering facility has a watertight cover; be careful regarding the possibility of flammable gases within the facility. Care should be taken lighting a match or smoking while inspecting facilities that are not vented. If the filtering facility is in a completely enclosed vault, the **OSHA Confined Space Entry** procedures must be followed.

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Contributing Drainage Area and Side Slopes	Adequate vegetation				Supplement as necessary	Owner	
	There is excessive trash and debris				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and / or bare or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately	Owner or professional	
	There are excessive landscape waste or yard clippings				Remove immediately and recycle or compost	Owner or professional	
Pre-Treatment	There is adequate access to the pre-treatment facility				Establish adequate access	Professional and, perhaps, the locality	
	Excessive trash,				Remove immediately	Owner or	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
	debris, or sediment.					professional	
Pre-Treatment (continued)	There is evidence of erosion and / or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is dead vegetation.				Replace dead vegetation as necessary	Professional	
	Perimeter turf (or a grass filter strip) is too high.				Mow at least 4 times a year to keep the grass at a height of 4" to 9". Remove grass clippings after mowing.	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of oil, grease, clogging (standing water, noticeable odors, water stains, algae)				Identify and eliminate the source of the problem. If necessary, remove and clean or replace the clogged material.	Professional	
Inlets	The inlet provides a stable conveyance into the swale				Stabilize immediately, as needed, and clear blockages.	Owner or professional	
	There is excessive trash, debris, or sediment.				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion at or around the inlet				Repair erosion damage and reseed	Owner or professional	
Sedimentation Chambers	Sediment or debris accumulations are excessive				Clean out the wet and dry sedimentation chambers	Professional	
Filter Media	If facility takes longer than 48 hours to drain or filter media is discolored, the media is probably clogged				Replace the top sand layer of an enclosed filter (typically done every 5 years). Till or aerate the surface to improve infiltration and grass cover of an open filter (also typically done every 5 years.		
Oil and Grease	Evidence of filter surface clogging				Clean or replace filter media, as necessary.	Professional	
Underdrain	The underdrain is not conveying water as designed				To determine if the pipe is clogged, measure the draw-down rate of the observation well for three days following a storm event in excess of 1/2 inches in depth. After three days, if there is standing water on top but not in the underdrain, this indicates a clogged sand layer that must be replaced. If standing water is both on the surface and in the underdrain, then the underdrain is probably clogged. Immediately clean out the pipe manually or, if needed, use a high-pressure hose. Replace the underdrain if it is structurally damaged.	Professional	
Observation Well (every 2 years)	Is the observation well still capped?				Repair, as necessary.	Professional	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Outlet	The outlet provides stable conveyance				Remove blockages and stabilize, as needed.	Professional	
	Evidence of flow bypassing facility				Repair immediately	Professional	
	Outlets are obstructed or erosion and soil exposure is evident below the outlet.				Remove obstructions and stabilize eroded or exposed areas.	Owner or Professional	
Structural Components	Evidence of structural deterioration				Repair as necessary	Professional	
	Evidence of spalling or cracking of structural components				Repair or replace, as necessary	Professional	
	Grates are in good condition				Repair or replace, as necessary	Owner or professional	
Pump (where applicable)	Catalog cuts and wiring diagram for pump available				If missing, obtain replacements	Owner	
	Waterproof conduits for wiring appear to be intact				Repair as necessary	Professional	
	Panel box is well marked				If not, mark it correctly	Professional	
	No evidence of pump failure (excess water in pump well, etc.)				Repair as necessary	Professional	
Overall	Access to the facility or its components is adequate.				Establish adequate access. Remove woody vegetation and debris that may block access. Ensure that hardware can be opened and operated.	Professional and, perhaps, the locality	
	Condition of hydraulic control components				Repair, as necessary.	Professional	
	Complaints from local residents				Correct real problems.	Owner or professional	
	Noticeable odors outside facility				Determine source and eliminate it.	Professional	
	Mosquito proliferation				Eliminate stagnant pools if feasible, and treat for mosquitoes as needed. If sprays are considered, then a mosquito larvicide, such as Bacillus thurensensis or Altoside formulations can be applied <i>only if absolutely necessary</i> .	Owner or professional	
	Encroachment on the filter or easement by buildings or other structures				Inform involved property owners of BMPs status ; clearly mark the boundaries of the receiving pervious area, as needed	Owner or professional (and perhaps the locality)	

Sample Maintenance Inspection Checklist: Constructed Wetlands

Inspection Date _____
 Project _____ Site Plan/Permit Number _____
 Location _____ Date BMP Placed in Service _____
 Date of Last Inspection _____ Inspector _____
 Owner/Owner's Representative _____
 As-Built Plans available: Y / N

Facility Type: Level 1 _____ Level 2 _____

Hydraulic Configuration:

- ☐ On-line facility
☐ Off-line facility

Type of wetland

- ☐ Emergent
☐ Forested

Type of Pre-Treatment Facility:

- ☐ Sediment forebay (above ground)
☐ Vegetated buffer area
☐ Grass filter strip
☐ Grass channel
☐ Other: _____

During the first 6 months following construction, the wetland should be inspected twice after storm events that exceed 1/2 inch of rainfall. Bare or eroding areas in the CDA or around the wetland buffer should be stabilized immediately with grass cover. Trees planted in the buffer and on wetland islands and peninsulas need to be watered every 3 days for the first month, and then weekly during the remainder of the first growing season (April-October), depending on rainfall. Due to typical vegetation survival problems, it is typical to plan and budget for a round of reinforcement planting after one or two growing seasons. Constructed wetlands should be inspected and cleaned up annually. A wetland professional should inspect the facility every 5 years, especially to determine if there is any significant negative change in the wetland species composition from the design or an otherwise healthy wetland.

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Contributing Drainage Area	Adequate vegetation				Supplement as needed	Owner	
	There is excessive trash and debris				Remove immediately.	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and/or bare or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately.	Owner or professional	
	There are excessive landscape waste and yard clippings				Remove immediately and recycle or compost	Owner or professional	
Pre-Treatment	There is adequate access to the pre-treatment facility				Establish adequate access	Professional and, perhaps, the locality	
	There is excessive trash and debris				Remove immediately.	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and/or exposed soil.				Immediately identify and correct the cause of the erosion and stabilize the eroded or bare area.	Owner or professional	
	Sediment deposits are 50% or more of forebay capacity.				Dredge the sediment to restore the design capacity; sediment should be dredged from forebays at least every	Professional	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
					5 years.		
Pre-Treatment (continued)	The sediment marker is not vertical.				Adjust the sediment depth marker to a vertical alignment	Professional	
	There is dead vegetation				Revegetate, as needed	Owner or professional	
Inlets	The inlet provides a stable conveyance.				Stabilize immediately, as needed; clear blockages.	Owner or professional	
	There is excessive trash, debris, or sediment.				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion/undercutting at or around the inlet				Repair erosion damage and reseed	Owner or professional	
	There is cracking, bulging, erosion or sloughing of the forebay dam.				Repair and restabilize immediately.	Professional	
	There is woody growth on the forebay dam.				Remove within 2 weeks of discovery.	Professional	
	There is evidence of nuisance animals.				Animal burrows must be backfilled and compacted. Burrowing animals should be humanely removed from area	Professional	
Vegetation (trees, shrubs, aquatic plants)	Plant composition is consistent with the approved plans				Determine if existing plant materials are at least consistent with the general Constructed Wetland design criteria, and replace inconsistent species.	Professional	
	Invasive species are present.				Remove invasive species immediately and replace vegetation as needed. As a general rule, control of undesirable invasive species (e.g., cattail and Phragmites) should commence when their coverage exceeds more than 15% of a wetland cell area. Although the application of herbicides is not recommended, some types, such as Glyphosate, have been used to control cattails with some success. Extended periods of dewatering may also work, since early manual removal provides only short-term relief from invasive species.	Professional	
	Vegetation is dead or reinforcement planting is needed.				Remove and replace dead or dying vegetation.	Professional	
	Trees planted in the buffer and on wetland islands and peninsulas need watering during the first growing season				Consider watering every 3 days for first month, and then weekly during first year (April – October), depending on rainfall.	Owner or professional	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Vegetation (trees, shrubs, aquatic plants) (continued)	Practice has become overgrown and is not developing into a mature wetland.				Harvest vegetation periodically if the wetland becomes overgrown or to guide maturing of forested wetlands (typically 5 and 10 years after constr.).	Owner or professional	
Wetland Cells and Pools	Sediment accumulation is 50% or more of capacity.				Dredge the sediment to restore the design capacity	Professional	
	There is evidence of floating debris, sparse vegetative cover, erosion or slumping of side slopes.				Remove debris. Repair and stabilize.	Owner or professional	
	Open water is becoming overgrown.				Harvest the unwanted vegetation.	Professional	
	There is evidence of nuisance animals.				Animal burrows must be backfilled and compacted. Burrowing animals should be humanely removed from the area.		
Riser/Principle Spillway and Low-Flow Orifice(s)	There is adequate access to riser for maintenance.				Establish adequate access	Professional and, perhaps, the locality	
	Pieces of the riser are deteriorating, misaligned, broken or missing.				Repair immediately.	Professional	
	Adjustable control valves are accessible and operational.				Repair, as needed.	Professional	
	Reverse-slope pipes and flashboard risers are in good condition.				Repair, as needed.	Professional	
	There is excessive trash, debris, or other obstructions in the trash rack.				Remove immediately.	Owner or professional	
	Seepage into conduit				Seal the conduit	Professional	
Berm/Dam/ Embankment and Abutments	There is sparse veg. cover, settlement, cracking, bulging, misalignment, erosion rills deeper than 2 inches, or sloughing of the dam.				Repair and restabilize immediately.	Professional	
	There are soft spots, boggy areas, seepage or sinkholes present.				Reinforce, fill and stabilize immediately.	Professional	
	There is evidence of nuisance animals.				Animal burrows must be backfilled and compacted. Burrowing animals should be humanely removed from area.	Professional	
	There is woody vegetation on the embankment.				Removal of woody species near or on the embankment and maintenance access areas should be done when discovered, but at least every 2 years.		
Emergency	There is woody				Removal of woody species	Owner or	

Element of BMP	Potential Problem	Problem? Y / N	Investigate? Y / N	Repaired? Y / N	How to Fix Problem	Who Will Address Problem	Comments
Spillway	growth on the spillway.				near or on the emergency spillway should be done when discovered, but at least every 2 years.	professional	
	There is excessive trash, debris, or other obstructions.				Remove immediately.	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion/back-cutting				Repair erosion damage and reseed	Owner or professional	
	There are soft spots, seepage or sinkholes.				Reinforce, fill and stabilize immediately.	Owner or professional	
Outlet	The outlet provides stable conveyance from the wetland.				Stabilize as needed.	Professional	
	There are excessive sediment deposits.				Remove sediment.	Professional	
	Released water is causing undercutting, erosion or displaced rip-rap at or around the outlet				Repair, reinforce or replace rip rap as needed, and restabilize.	Professional	
	Woody growth within 5 feet of the outlet pipe barrel.				Prune vegetation back to leave a clear discharge area.	Owner or Professional	
	There is excessive trash, debris, or other obstructions.				Remove immediately.	Owner or professional	
Overall	Access to the facility or its components is adequate.				Establish adequate access. Remove woody vegetation and debris that may block access. Ensure that hardware can be opened and operated.	Professional and, perhaps, the locality	
	Water levels in one or more cells are abnormally high or low.				Clear blockages of the riser or orifice(s) and make other adjustments needed to meet the approved design specifications.	Professional	
	Complaints from local residents				Correct real problems.	Owner or professional	
	Mosquito proliferation				Eliminate stagnant pools if feasible, and treat for mosquitoes as needed. If sprays are considered, then a mosquito larvicide, such as Bacillus thurendensis or Altoside formulations can be applied <i>only if absolutely necessary</i> . Can also stock the basin with mosquito fish to provide natural mosquito & midge control.	Owner or professional	
	Encroachment on the wetland or easement by buildings or other structures				Inform involved property owners of BMPs status ; clearly mark the boundaries of the receiving pervious area, as needed	Owner or professional (and perhaps the locality)	
Overall (continued)	Safety signage is not adequate.				Provide sufficient, legible safety signage.	Owner or professional	

Sample aintenance Inspection Checklist: Wet Ponds

Inspection Date _____
 Project _____ Site Plan/Permit Number _____
 Location _____ Date BMP Placed in Service _____
 Date of Last Inspection _____ Inspector _____
 Owner/Owner's Representative _____
 As-Built Plans available: Y / N

Facility Type: Level 1 _____ Level 2 _____

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- ☐ Vegetated buffer area
- ☐ Grass filter strip
- ☐ Grass channel
- ☐ Other: _____

During the first 6 months following construction, the pond should be inspected twice after storm events that exceed 1/2 inch of rainfall. The aquatic benches should be planted with emergent wetland species, consistent with the Wet Pond design specifications. Bare or eroding areas in the CDA or around the pond buffer should be stabilized immediately with grass cover. Trees planted in the buffer need to be watered every 3 days for the first month, and then weekly during the remainder of the first growing season (April-October), depending on rainfall. Due to typical vegetation survival problems, it is typical to plan and budget for a round of reinforcement planting during the second growing season after construction. Wet Ponds should be inspected and cleaned up annually.

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Contributing Drainage Area	Adequate vegetation				Supplement as needed	Owner	
	There is excessive trash and debris				Remove immediately.	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion and/or bare or exposed soil				Stabilize immediately.	Owner or professional	
	There are excessive landscape waste and yard clippings				Remove immediately and recycle or compost	Owner or professional	
Pre-Treatment	There is adequate access to the pre-treatment facility				Establish adequate access	Professional and, perhaps, the locality	
	There is excessive trash and debris				Remove immediately.	Owner or professional	

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Pre-Treatment (continued)	There is evidence of erosion and/or exposed soil.				Immediately identify and correct the cause of the erosion and stabilize the eroded or bare area.	Owner or professional	
	Sediment deposits are 50% or more of forebay capacity.				Dredge the sediment to restore the design capacity; sediment should be dredged from forebays at least every 5-7 years, and earlier if performance is being affected.	Professional	
	The sediment marker is not vertical.				Adjust the sediment depth marker to a vertical alignment	Professional	
	There is evidence of clogging				Clear blockages of the riser or orifice(s) and make other adjustments needed to meet the approved design specifications	Professional	
Inlet	The inlet provides a stable conveyance into the pond				Stabilize immediately, as needed, and clear blockages.	Owner or professional	
	There is excessive trash, debris, or sediment.				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of erosion/undercutting at or around the inlet				Repair erosion damage and restabilize	Owner or professional	
	There is cracking, bulging, erosion or sloughing of the forebay dam.				Repair and restabilize immediately.	Professional	
	There is woody growth on the forebay dam.				Remove within 2 weeks of discovery.	Professional	
	There is evidence of nuisance animals.				Animal burrows must be backfilled and compacted. Burrowing animals should be humanely removed from the area.	Professional	
	There is more than 1 inch of settlement.				Add fill material and compact the soil to the design grade	Owner or Professional	
	The inlet alignment is incorrect.				Correct immediately.	Owner or Professional	
Vegetation	Plant composition is consistent with the approved plans				Determine if existing plant materials are consistent with the general Wet Pond design criteria, and replace inconsistent species.	Professional	
	Invasive species are present.				Remove invasive species immediately and replace vegetation as needed.	Professional	
	Trees planted in the buffer and on wetland islands and peninsulas need watering during the first growing season				Consider watering every 3 days for first month, and then weekly during first year (April – October), depending on rainfall.	Owner or professional	
	Grass around the facility is overgrown				Mow (at least twice a year) to a height of 4"-9" high and remove grass clippings	Owner or professional	

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Vegetation (continued)	Vegetation is dead or reinforcement planting is needed.				Remove and replace dead or dying vegetation.	Professional	
Permanent Pool and Side Slopes	There is excessive trash and/or debris.				Remove immediately	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of sparse vegetative cover, erosion or slumping side slopes.				Repair and stabilize physical damage, and reseed or plant additional vegetation.	Owner or professional	
	There is evidence of nuisance animals.				Animal burrows must be backfilled and compacted. Remove burrowing animals humanely from the area.		
	There is significant sediment accumulation.				Conduct a bathymetric study to determine the impact to design volumes, and dredge if necessary.	Professional	
Riser/Principle Spillway and Low-Flow Orifice(s)	There is adequate access to the riser for maintenance.				Establish adequate access	Professional and, perhaps, the locality	
	Pieces of the riser are deteriorating, misaligned, broken or missing.				Repair immediately.	Professional	
	Adjustable control valves are accessible and operational.				Repair, as needed.	Professional	
	Reverse-slope pipes and flashboard risers are in good condition.				Repair, as needed.	Professional	
	There is evidence of clogging				Clear blockages of the riser or orifice(s) and make other adjustments needed to meet the approved design specs.	Professional	
	Seepage into conduit				Seal the conduit	Professional	
	There is excessive trash, debris, or other obstructions in the trash rack.				Remove immediately.	Owner or professional	
Dam/ Embankment and Abutments	There is sparse veg. cover, settlement, cracking, bulging, misalignment, erosion rills deeper than 2 inches, or sloughing of the dam.				Repair and restabilize immediately, especially after major storms.	Professional	
	There are soft spots, seepage, boggy areas or sinkholes present.				Reinforce, fill and stabilize immediately.		
	There is evidence of nuisance animals.				Animal burrows must be backfilled and compacted. Burrowing animals should be humanely removed from area.		
	There is woody vegetation on the embankment.				Removal of woody species near or on the embankment and maintenance access areas should be done when discovered, but at least every 2 years.		

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Overall	Access to the facility or its components is adequate.				Establish adequate access. Remove woody vegetation and debris that may block access. Ensure that hardware can be opened and operated.	Professional and, perhaps, the locality	
	Fences are inadequate				Collapsed fences must be restored to an upright position. Jagged edges and damaged fences must be repaired or replaced.	Professional	
	Water levels in one or more cells are abnormally high or low.				Clear blockages of the riser or orifice(s) and make other adjustments needed to meet the approved design specifications.	Professional	
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Sample Maintenance Inspection Checklist: Extended Detention Ponds

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